

House Resolution No. 2416

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have developed and maintained exemplary reputations in their local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Anthony Eugene Barnes of Van Buren, Missouri, has attained distinction as a citizen and as a military veteran who entered the United States Army in 1950 and received his training at Fort Leonard Wood in the heart of the Missouri Ozarks; and

Whereas, sent to Korea as an Infantryman, Anthony Barnes engaged in the rigorous, difficult fighting that took place during what was known during the twentieth century as the Korean Conflict; and

Whereas, in the course of battle, Anthony Barnes suffered multiple shrapnel wounds, including those to his spine which would prove to be inoperable and which would leave him permanently disabled; and

Whereas, on May 21, 1951, Anthony Barnes was taken as a Prisoner of War by Chinese troops near the 38th Parallel; and

Whereas, Anthony Barnes remained a Prisoner of War for twenty-seven months and one day until his release when the armistice was signed to end the conflict and leave the Korean peninsula divided between Communist north and Democratic south; and

Whereas, now in the care of John Cochran Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, army veteran Anthony Barnes lives with his beloved wife in the community of Van Buren, which will hold a parade on May 3, 2003, in honor of all men and women who have patriotically served in the various branches and units which make up our American military forces:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute military veteran Anthony Barnes and to convey to him this legislative body's deepest gratitude for his United States Army service during the Korean War and our best wishes for continued personal success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Anthony Eugene Barnes of Van Buren, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2416, adopted May 1, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker